

Gallaudet Fact—

Q: Who were the Five Iron Men?

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Gallaudet's many outstanding scholars, faculty members, and academic advisors packed the Kellogg Conference Hotel ballrooms on April 19 for the spring Scholars Dinner. President Jordan commended the Dean's List students, President's Cum Laude Scholars, Graduate Presidents Scholars, and educators for their achievements, and introduced the 2006 Distinguished Faculty Member, Dr. Laurene Simms (above) of the Department of Education. The keynote address was given by Olegario Cantos VII (below), special assistant to the assistant attorney general in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Cantos described his first few years in school, when he was taunted for being blind, as a time when he had "exactly zero self esteem." He went on to complete law school, pass the California Bar Exam, and work in all 50 states and 18 countries with a message of confidence for people with disabilities. Cantos called the scholars and academic professionals "role models" and said that together, "we are ambassadors from the disability community."



Dr. Jane Fernandes named Gallaudet's next president; search for new provost begins



Dr. Jane Fernandes

On May 1, the announcement was made that Dr. Jane Fernandes had been named by the Board of Trustees as the University's ninth president.

In making the announcement, Celia May Baldwin, Trustee,* expressed appreciation on behalf of the board to the Presidential Search Committee for providing "three very highly qualified candidates," and to Dr. Jordan and Linda Jordan for their roles as president and first lady. She thanked the president "for making history"—not only as Gallaudet's first deaf president but for his "extraordinary job. You have given your heart and soul to the University, and for that we thank you." Baldwin said that on May 1, "we made history again"—this time for a presidential search that led to three deaf finalist candidates.

While each of the candidates—Fernandes, the University's

provost, Ronald Stern, superintendent of the New Mexico School for the Deaf, and Dr. Stephen Weiner, associate professor in Gallaudet's Department of Communication Studies—was "impressive and had tremendous credentials and strength," said Baldwin, "the board came to the unanimous decision" to offer the position to Fernandes. She accepted that morning.

"I'm both humbled and honored by the decision of the board," said Fernandes. The debate that surrounded the presidential search "is the sign of a healthy university," she said. Now that the decision has been made, she added, "I hope we can get together in the spirit of friendship and respect and work together for the common good" of Gallaudet. Fernandes said that while she "can't promise I'll make perfect decisions," she gave her word that her leadership will be conducted "with the best interests of the University in mind."

Fernandes said it is her hope that Gallaudet can continue to build on the legacy left by President Jordan. She also expressed the desire that in 10 years the world will see deaf men and women in leadership positions in a wide variety of fields—and to know that Gallaudet had a prominent role in giving them the tools to make it happen.

Following the announcement, a group of students, faculty, staff, and others protested the Board of Trustees' decision,

maintaining that the search process was flawed and that it did not pay adequate attention to diversity among the candidates, and raised other issues as well. The board, however, asserted that the process was fair and equitable and abided by its decision. Fernandes, who had many supporters throughout the controversy, vowed to address the issues raised by the disaffected group in the coming months.

The Board of Trustees announced on May 12 that Fernandes would immediately step down as provost to allow for the transition to her presidency. Jordan has been asked to set up a process to identify an interim provost. He will begin by establishing a committee made up of faculty, staff, and students and by sending out a call for nominations. Jordan will seek nominations of people who will be willing to serve until a permanent provost is selected. It was the strong opinion of the board that this person should not be someone who might seek to have the permanent provost position.

Also, at the same time, Fernandes will lead a national search to identify the permanent provost. She will establish a representative committee to develop a job description and then do a national search to find the new provost.

(Note: On May 9, Baldwin resigned her position from the Board of Trustees and Dr. Brenda Brueggemann became acting board chair.) ■

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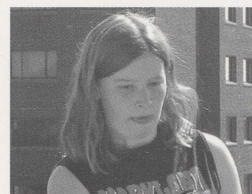


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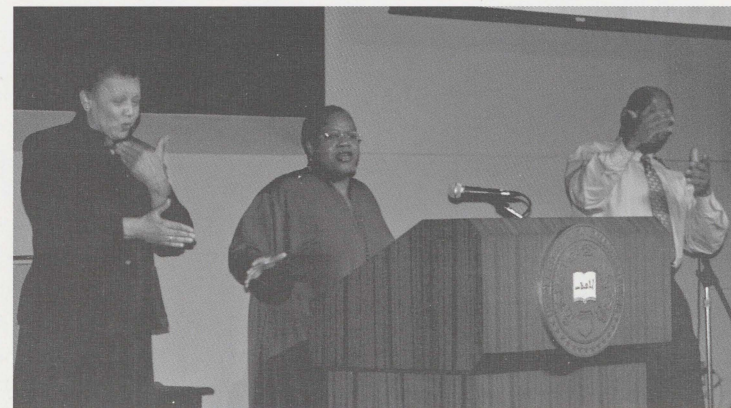
I. King Jordan Lecture Series

I. King Jordan Lecture Series presentation on 'Song Sight' explores the joys of accessibility

Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon, founder of the musical group Sweet Honey in the Rock and an admitted radical, seemed to feel at home at Gallaudet.

Johnson Reagon had a gleam in her eye as she recalled Deaf President Now (DPN) during her April 20 lecture in Swindells Auditorium. She praised the DPN movement and the way the protests expressed strong support for accessibility.

Johnson Reagon's presentation, entitled "Song Sight: The Benefits of Sign to a Hearing Person," was part of the I. King Jordan Lecture Series. Through word and song, Johnson Reagon told how she lived her life as a progressive, founded Sweet Honey in the Rock, and embraced ASL in her music.



Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon (center) sings to the audience during her presentation on "Song Sight." With her are Sweet Honey in the Rock member and interpreter Shirley Childress Saxton and GIS interpreter John Lewis.

As a young woman in her hometown of Albany, Ga., Johnson Reagon was jailed for her involvement in a nonviolent protest. Although her family worried that this had ruined her chances to be successful in life,

she recalled that she actually felt relief in that overcrowded jail cell. Johnson Reagon's voice boomed part of the song inspired by her experience: "I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burden down."

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Collaboration brings Deaflympics to deaf and hard of hearing students



Photo by Michael Walton

An agreement is signed between the Clerc Center and the Winter Deaflympics Organizing Committee to bring the international sports competition to deaf and hard of hearing students through the web.

By Cathryn Carroll

Deaf and hard of hearing students across the United States and around the world will learn more about the 2007 Winter Deaflympics—and improve their skills in reading and technology—as a result of a collaboration between the 16th Winter Deaflympics Organizing Committee and the Clerc Center.

Dwight Benedict, chair of the Deaflympics Organizing Committee, and Dr. Katherine Jankowski, dean of the Clerc Center, signed an agreement of collaboration in April. Under the agreement, the Clerc Center will post and maintain an educational website focused on the 2007 Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City, Utah. Geraldine Francini, vice chair of human resources for the Organizing Committee, and Andrea Feldman, a teacher at the Maryland School for the Deaf, initiated the collaboration.

Jankowski said that she welcomed the opportunity to work with the 16th Winter Deaflympics Organizing Committee. “We look forward to providing exciting material that informs deaf

and hard of hearing students about the Deaflympics while simultaneously promoting their skills in literacy, technology, American Sign Language, English, and the arts,” she said.

The educational material will be for deaf and hard of hearing students in elementary, middle, and high school and hearing students, especially those in deaf studies and American Sign Language classes. The Clerc Center, which traditionally sponsors the National Gallaudet Essay and Art Contests for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students, will collaborate with the organizing committee to incorporate the Olympian theme of “going for the gold” in the contest and add the category of American Sign Language to its ongoing categories of writing and art.

“The website includes informational videos, a countdown clock, and other exciting features,” said Jankowski. “We’re also excited about collaborating with the 2007 Deaflympics to expand the Gallaudet National Essay and Art Contest and include the new category—that of American Sign Language.”

For more information, visit: clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/deaflympics ■

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From that time, Johnson Reagon continued to be progressive in her life. Her first experiences with accessibility were concerts where the organizers set up a “wheelchair brigade” to carry people in wheelchairs up the steps, plus offered child care services during the show.

Eventually, the subject of using sign language interpreters for Sweet Honey concerts came up. “I could tell immediately that this was a political act and, being a progressive, I said yes,” Johnson Reagon said. She soon realized that she would have to make some uncomfortable changes to include an interpreter. For example, she had always decided the order of songs as the spirit moved her during a concert, but now she was asked to prepare an interpreter for the songs

and lyrics beforehand. She also tried various interpreters and came to feel that she could not just work with any interpreter—racial background matters when finding a good match.

The interpreter Johnson Reagon eventually found was Shirley Childress Saxton, who the group and audiences loved and is part of Sweet Honey today. They gained a dedicated group of deaf fans, and Sweet Honey was enriched by this new facet. “If you open your community, open your world, you will expand what you experience as a human being,” Johnson Reagon said.

In President Jordan’s closing remarks, he thanked her for sharing her story and philosophy. “You are a true pioneer,” Dr. Jordan said.

Johnson Reagon will receive an honorary degree from Gallaudet at the 2006 Commencement exercises. ■



Twelve staff, faculty, and teachers from Academic Affairs and the Clerc Center were recognized on their recent or pending retirements in 2006 at an April 6 reception in the Kellogg Conference Hotel. Pictured with President Jordan and Dr. Jane Fernandes are (from left): top row—Dr. Marshall Wick, a professor in the Department of Business (32 years); Judith Giannotti, English teacher/researcher, MSSD (20 years); Dr. Martin Noretzky, a professor in the Department of Educational Foundations and Research (30 years); middle row—Linda Hendricks, spoken language resource teacher/researcher, Early Childhood Education (35 years); Dr. Susan Anthony, a professor in the Department of Psychology (30 years); Kathleen Zaccagnini, associate professor in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation (30 years); bottom row—Jean Shickel, assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science (27 years); Teresa Arcari, field supervisor in the Department of Social Work (26 years); and Dr. Robert Williams, a professor in the Department of Psychology (30 years). Not pictured are Sharon Horwitz, records/registrar assistant, Registrar’s Office (12 years); Rosa Mann, executive secretary, Athletics Department (33 years); and Rosemary Mikos, senior records assistant, Registrar’s Office (27 years).



Photo by Michael Miller, University of South Carolina

Dr. Catherine Andersen (right), director of the First Year Experience (FYE) program, was a panelist on the National FYE Teleconference and Webcast Series “Cultivating Campus Cultures that Value Student Success,” which was broadcast on March 30 from The University of South Carolina. Over 150 colleges nationwide, including Gallaudet, participated in the teleconference. Andersen is on the FYE Center’s National Advisory Board and is a former recipient of the FYE Outstanding First-Year Advocate award. The other panelists were Dr. John Gardner (left) executive director of the Policy Center on the First Year of College and Dr. George Kuh (second from right) chancellor’s professor of higher education at Indiana University, Bloomington and author of the *National Survey of Student Engagement*. Also pictured is moderator Carolyn Sawyer, CEO of the Tom Sawyer Public Relations Firm.

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Campus Calendar

May

24—Audio conference:
“Accommodating Students with Psychological Disabilities in Higher Education,” noon, SAC 1011

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GCRC ceremony recognizes bond between Gallaudet and its neighbors



President Jordan receives the Gallaudet Community Relations Council's Lifetime Achievement Award from Sharrell McCaskill, Gallaudet's director of Equal Opportunity Programs/Community Relations liaison, while Linda Jordan applauds.

The bond between the University and its neighbors in the Near Northeast area (Wards 2, 5, and 6) of Washington, D.C., has been a strong one for the past 31 years, thanks to the efforts of the Gallaudet Community Relations Council (GCRC). As the face of Kendall Green—and the neighborhood itself—continues to change, the GCRC has played a pivotal role in making sure that the needs of Near Northeast residents, their history, and their culture are not overlooked.

On April 8, the GCRC held its 23rd Annual Awards and Recognition Program in the Kellogg Conference Hotel to acknowledge the ongoing efforts of neighborhood citizens and organizations to ensure quality of life for its residents and maintain the positive relationship that the University and the community enjoy.

President Jordan, a charter member of the GCRC, served as keynote speaker for the evening. He spoke about the old tradition of barn raisings, which ostensibly brought neighbors together to build someone's barn, but in the process solidified the community. "Here, we 'build barns' everyday—we build relationships," said Dr. Jordan. "Tonight, I'll sit here and see heroes recognized; I'll see the barn builders."

Among the 19 award recipients was Julia Bishop-Pitt, who retired from Gallaudet in 2004 as director of equal

opportunity programs and community relations liaison after a 31-year career at the University. Pitt received the George A. Boyd Award for outstanding service on the GCRC. Sharrell McCaskill, the incumbent director of equal opportunity programs/community relations liaison, worked tirelessly with Pitt and members of GCRC in planning this year's events. In her welcoming remarks, McCaskill reaffirmed the University's commitment to positive community relations and further work with the council.

Other members of the Gallaudet community who were recognized were Jordan, who received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his support as a founding member of GCRC and president of Gallaudet; Emilia Chukwuma, associate professor in the Department of Business, and student Joel Garcia, who received the Gallaudet University Community Services Program Award; and Megan Leschly, a student who is interning with the D.C. Police Department, who received the Gallaudet University Department of Public Safety Award.

Mistress of Ceremonies Josephine Robinson, director of the Federal Office of Community Services, an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, called each award recipient "a point of light" in the community. ■

Gallaudet authorized to charter sociology honor society chapter

Gallaudet's Sociology Department has been authorized to charter a chapter of the Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Sociology Honor Society, under the faculty guidance of Dr. Suzanne Lea, assistant professor of sociology.

Qualifying sociology majors and minors will be initiated into the AKD Honor Society, beginning with this May's graduating class. AKD acknowledges sociology majors' academic achievements and encourages community involvement by its members. Initiates will be honored at an induction ceremony and will receive honor cords to wear at graduation. Any member of an academic honor society is also eligible for a two-grade academic advancement when applying for federal employment under "Superior Academic Achievement" preferences.

Anyone wishing to learn more about AKD should contact Lea at suzanne.lea@gallaudet.edu. ■



Members of the MSSD Rocket Challenge Team are (from left): top row—Ando Ferguson, James Flakes, Ryan Ong, Rosa Crawford; middle row—Violet Blake, Phyllis Steele, Heather Willman, mentor Richard Hickok; front row—team supervisor Mark Tao, Pakuna Spady, and Muukhsaruul Jargalsaikhan.

MSSD team enters world's largest model rocket contest

Nine students from MSSD's honors physical science class have registered to participate in the prestigious Team America Rocketry Challenge on May 20.

The contest requires that students design, build, and test a model rocket that can fly for as close to the 45-second total flight duration as possible while reaching an altitude of 800 feet. The rocket must also return the payload of one raw egg back to the ground unbroken. Teams must use lightweight, non-metal parts for the nose, body, and fins of the rocket, according to the Rocketry Challenge requirements. The MSSD team will build a few rockets and try them out at Gallaudet's track field.

This nationwide contest—and the world's largest model rocket contest—is open for students in grades 7-12. Its purpose is to get these students interested in math and science—using a \$60,000 prize package for the top teams as an incentive.

About 10,000 middle and high school students participated in last year's contest, which was sponsored by the Aerospace Industries Association and the National Association of Rocketry (NAR). The Defense Department and NASA are both government partners in this year's competition, which marks the fourth year of the Team America Rocketry Challenge.

MSSD team members include: James Flakes, Violet Blake, Rosa Crawford, Ando Ferguson, Muukhsaruul Jargalsaikhan, Ryan Ong, Phyllis Steele, Pakuna Spady, and Heather Willman. Flakes (project manager) said he was excited about the opportunity to participate in the contest. There are 750 registered teams and he hopes his team will

qualify to be among the top 100 teams that will travel to the National Finals event in The Plains, Va., just outside of Washington, D.C.

The most difficult problem to overcome, Ong said, was finding the time necessary to work on the project and to be qualified for the contest. The best part about this contest, said Willman, is working with her partners, and watching the rockets soar sky-high.

Team supervisor Mark Tao, teaching fellow for grades 9 to 12, said the contest is an excellent opportunity for students to take hands-on lessons in aerodynamics. "Examples of such lessons include computing trajectory and eliminating drag to the rocket models and being able to see the results immediately," Tao said. "There's a deep satisfaction in applying concepts learned in the classroom to a real-life situation such as launching the rocket into the sky."

Serving as team mentor is Richard Hickok of Washington, D.C. He is a volunteer mentor for NAR's Team America Rocket Challenge and a member of the NAR and the Maryland-Delaware Rocketry Association. "I find the students interested and motivated," said Hickok. "Though we have interpreters at some sessions and not others, we still make out the best we can. As the deadline for qualifying flights approaches, I'm really hoping they make it to the top 100 to be in the national finals."

This project is supported by the MSSD Honors Program. Everyone is welcome to come by and watch trial launches of the rocket and even the competition itself. For further information visit: www.rocketcontest.org. ■



Heather Willman, Phyllis Steele, and Violet Blake spray paint their rocket.

Undergraduate Awards Day recognizes outstanding achievement

Awards Day, "Recognizing Our Community of Excellence," was held on April 20. The annual event is sponsored by the Office of the President; the Office of the Provost; Faculty Committee C; the Office of the Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Technologies; and the Office of the Associate Dean, Center for Academic Programs and Student Services. The list of awards and their recipients follows:

Alumni Scholarship Awards

Deaf President Now Scholarship Award—Noah Beckman, Drew Robarge
Kappa Gamma Scholarship Awards—Alexander Abenchuchan, Dayak Dashuwan, Alvaro Jimenez, Jonathan Schereling
Linwood Smith Scholarship Award—Tanya Sealy, Arthur Everette, Natalie Charles, Christine Grymes, Baranda Johnson, LaToya Dixon
National Organization of Phi Kappa Zeta Sorority, Phi Kappa Zeta Scholarship—Kristina Burke, Tabitha Jacques, Johanna Karmgard, Kathleen Roberts, Erica Parker
Catherine Bronson Higgins Scholarship—Fallon Brizendine, Elizabeth Hortie
Frances Norton Runde Award—Bellamie Bachleda, Erica Hossler, Ellen Nauta, Pia Marie Paulone

Academic Schools and Departments

Department of American Sign Language and Deaf Studies: *Marie J. Phillip Award*—Hoon Jeong
Department of Art: *Art Student of the Year*—Kitty Elofsson; *Digital Media Student of the Year*—Dean Krohn; *Graphic Design Student of the Year*—Kenny Garcia; *Studio Art Student of the Year*—Angus English
Department of Biology: *Walter Krug Award*—Troy Osborne, Niesha Washington
Department of Business: *Academic Excellence Award*—Jerry Bonheyo (accounting), Kent Babson (business), Edy Holm (computer information systems); Jennifer Keener (economics); *Dr. Frank B. Sullivan Award for Excellence*—Jennifer Keener (business administration); *Joe Mattavi Scholarship Award*—Minnie Buenaventura (computer information systems), Stephen DeSilva (accounting and business), Silvia Herdicka (accounting), Ali Sanjabi (business); *"Wall Street Journal" Award*—Ronald Delvisco
Department of Chemistry and Physics: *Charles R. Ely Award for Women in Science*—Niesha Washington; *General Chemistry Award*—Taiyabah Naeem
Department of Communication Studies: *Alice M. Teegarden Memorial Award*—Dana Hoffman, Benjamin Lewis, Ellen Nauta, Dominic Vera; *Lamda Pi Eta (LPH) Inductees*—Norman Chan, Erica Hossler, Jennifer Lash, Kristin MacGill, Jessica Valencia
Department of Counseling: *Fran White Outstanding Student Award*—Tanya Gilliam
Department of Education: *Undergraduate Education Award*—Frank Germinaro, Jr.; *Metamorphosis Award*—Jeni Lee Fletcher; *Estelle Shelton Scholarship Award*—Jessica von Barrel, Kimberley Rogers; *Lenore Goldman Memorial Scholarship Award*—Dyane Adamson; *Anderson Scholarship Award*—Brian Tingley, Akilah English; *Dorothy S. Jordan Scholarship Award*—Susanna Krige
Department of English: *MacDougall Creative Writing Awards*—Daniel Maier (first), Megan Malzkuhn (second), Rachel Mazique (third); *Harry M. and Margaret V. Evans Journalism Awards*—Alexander Abenchuchan, Bradford Burke, Rachel Burton, Jonathan Centrano, Andrew Fisher, Brittney Kleinemas, Pia Marie Paulone, Rachel Rose; *Lillian Gourley Rakow Creative Writing Award*—Tabitha Jacques (first), Alexander Abenchuchan (second), Joshua Feldman (third)
Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures: *Phi Sigma Iota Foreign Language Honor Society, 2005 Inductees in Spanish*—Stephanie Smith, Donald Tropp; *2005 Inductee in French*—Kiombo Nsumbu; *2006 Inductees in Spanish*—Haydee Garcia, LaToya Dixon, Summer Crider, Ellen Nauta, Jessica Rogers; *2006 Inductees in French*—Jennifer Keener, Drew Robarge, Tabitha Jacques; *2006 Inductee in German*—Melissa Marshall-Foote
Department of Government and History: *The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War History Essay Award*—Carolina Hidalgo; *Women's Studies-Women's and Gender Studies Writing Award*—Allison Kaftan, Jessica Swecker; *Women's Leadership Training Institute Student Officer*—Jessica Swecker
Department of Physical Education and Recreation: *Dorothy Hamburg Memorial Leadership Award*—Megan Drefs

Department of Psychology: *Outstanding Psychology Major Award*—Jessica Rogers, Bambi Delvisco; *Inspirational Student Award*—Virginia Black
Department of Social Work: *The Dorothy Polakoff Award for Highest GPA*—Kisha Hopwood; *Professional Development Award*—Megan Leschly
Department of Sociology: *Sociology Department Award*—Samuel A. Thuahnai; *Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Inductees*—Serena Stone, Valerie Rainey, Allison J. Bradley, Dayak Dashuwar, Samuel A. Thuahnai, Donald Tropp, Tammi Wright, Andrew Phillips
Department of Theatre Arts: *Senior Service Award*—Asha Wilkens; *Gilbert Eastman Scholarship*—Russell Harvard
Gallaudet University Library: *Gallaudet University Library Undergraduate, Research Paper Award*—Allison Kaftan
Office of Admissions: *Student Ambassador of the Year*—Martin Dale-Hench, Tyler DeShaw

Center for Academic Programs and Students Services

Career Center: *Internship Hall of Fame Mattivi Award*—Florinda Africa (accounting), Robert Smith (graphic design), David Farias (accounting), Richard Goode (computer information systems), Benjamin Lewis (communication studies), Anthony Mowl (English), Christine Roschaert (communication studies), Dominic Vera (communication studies), Corey Washington (computer information systems)
First Year Experience: *Outstanding First Year Student Awards*—Krista Brown, Tyler Deshaw, Calvin Doudt, Renca Dunn, Matthew Gilsbach, Taiyabah Naeem, Stephanie Moore, Jiayi Zhou
Student Affairs: *Dedicated Faculty Award*—Judy Termini; *Dedicated Staff Award*—Brenda Bishop; *Student of the Year Award*—Benjamin Jarashow
Community Service Programs: *Making a Difference Award*—Cristina Berdichevsky, Lillie S. Ransom; *Outstanding Service Award*—Arthur Everette, Kayce Quatermass, Black Deaf Student Union, Kappa Sigma

Student Organization Awards

The Buff and Blue Staff Awards: *Writer of the Year*—Alexander Abenchuchan; *Staff of the Year*—Jennifer Keener
Delta Epsilon Sorority: *Woman of Worth Award*—Tracy Freeze; *Man of Merit Award*—Patrick Rader; *Ideal Female Student of the Year*—Roni McCarthy; *Ideal Male Student of the Year*—James Etheridge
Kappa Gamma Fraternity: *Faculty of the Year or Staff of the Year*—James DeStefano
Phi Alpha Pi Honorary Society: Zoya Appel, Kent Babson, Summer Crider, Stephen DaSilva, Tamara Foronda, Jennifer Keener, Seung Hyun Kim, Christopher Koston, Susanna Krige, Jennifer Legg, Laura Lohmeyer, Kristy McKeller, Pia Marie Paulone, Andrew Phillips, John Rivera, Drew Robarge, Stephanie Smith, Kristi Winter, Rebecca Wolf
Phi Kappa Zeta Sorority: *Agatha Tiegel Hanson Award*—Rachel Rose; *Leonard M. Elstad Award*—Johanna Karmgard
Student Congress: *Senator of the Year*—Drew Robarge; *Motivated Senator Award*—Ian Jones
Student Body Government: *Julia J. Chung Memorial Award*—Joshua Beckman; *Stanley Benowitz Award for "Total Leadership"*—John Slone; *Student Worker of the Year*—Drew Robarge; *Barbara Schell Award for "Total Leadership"*—Christine Roschaert; *Andrew M. Lowitz Memorial Award*—Luis Valles; *Andrew M. Lowitz Volunteer of the Year*—David Simmons; *Staff of the Year Award*—Arthur Roehrig
Tower Clock: Worker of the Year—Kayce Quatermass, Ben Moore

University Awards

Agatha T. Hanson Award—Tabitha Jaques
Olof Hanson Award—Benjamin Lewis
Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation Awards—Barbara Smith
President's Council Award—Erika Parker
Reginald F. Lewis Award—Joshua Somers, Merry Jones
Thomas S. Marr Award—Seung Kim, Kristi Winter
Tower Clock 2006 Dedication—Dr. Robert Williams ■

First year students at Gallaudet who, among other positive traits, stand out for their commitment to academics, motivation, and excellence inside and outside the classroom are nominated each year by First Year Experience (FYE) faculty and academic advisors as being Fantastic First Year Students. This year, 33 students earned this distinction. They were recognized at an April 12 awards program sponsored by the FYE and the Center for Academic Programs and Student Services. Pictured at the program are Fantastic First Year Students (from left): front row—Erica Pedro, Alexandria Pucciarelli, Muhammad Rubaiyat, Melissa Dunbar, Jiayi Zhou, Carolina Hidalgo, Kari Olney, Calvin Doudt; middle row—Jay Harris, Ashley Thompson, Jenny Leung, Jasmine Fuller, Michelle Camara, Yvette Brown, Virginia Jordan; back row—Eric Peirson, Robert Houghton, Mark Ramirez, Renca Dunn, Tyler DeShaw, Thomas Welch, Matthew Gilsbach, Stephanie Moore, and Gregory Mendenhall. (Not pictured are: Krista Brown, Kevin Fletcher, Candi Harbison, Rachel McBride, Dean Muszynski, Taiyabah Naeem, Roman Nawrocki, Derrick Williams, and Kallie Williams.)



Gallaudet Fact—



A: The Five Iron Men were legendary basketball players (from left) Don Padden, Earl Roberts, Paul Baldrige, Roy Holcomb and Hal Weingold. Playing through every game with no substitutes, they pulled themselves from their lowest-seeded rank to win the 1943 Mason-Dixon Conference basketball championship. The Gallaudet community mourned the loss of Weingold on April 11.